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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SENEGALESE METEOROLOGY STUDENT TO US

FOR ROBERT WHITE USDOC/NOAA US PERMREP TO WMO

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED DEC 12 BY M. ELARION SAMBOU WHO PREPARING DEPART SENEGAL DEC 28 TO STUDY METEOROLOGY AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY. M. SAMBOU WAS NOMINATED BY GOS THROUGH WMO AND HIS PROGRAM WILL APPARENTLY BE PAID BY VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP) SCHOLARSHIP. HE HAS LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE AND INSTRUCTION FROM NOAA AND FLORIDA STATE BUT REQUESTS ANSWER TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

2. THERE IS APPARENTLY NO PROVISION FOR ADVANCE TO BE MADE IN SENEGAL TO COVER MINOR COSTS EN ROUTE US AND INITIAL DAY IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON D.C. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION MAKE \$ 50 ADVANCE LOCALLY TO SAMBOU TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY DEDUCTED FROM ADVANCE WHICH WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON.

3. NOAA HAS REQUESTED SAMBOU TO SEND FUNDS TO RESERVE ROOM IN PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL DURING INITIAL ORIENTATION NOAA AND FLORIDA STATE REQUESTS \$180 DEPOSIT TO ASSURE HOUSING RESERVATION. M. SAMBOU HAS SENT APPLICATION TO FLORIDA STATE WITHOUT DEPOSIT. REQUEST NOAA CONFIRM TO FLORIDA STATE THAT FELLOWSHIP COVERS ALL COSTS AND CONFIRM LIKEWISE THAT ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE. NOAA MIGHT ALSO RESERVE ROOM IN PRESIDENTIAL FOR WHICH PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AFTER SAMBOU RECEIVES ADVANCE.

M. SAMBOU SPEAKS ADEQUATE ENGLISH BUT LEVEL OF FLUENCY MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT FOR HIM TO BEGIN TECHNICAL COURSES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL ENGLISH TRAINING. FLORIDA STATE SHOULD BE ADVISED
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THAT PREPARATORY ENGLISH COURSE MAY BE REQUIRED.

5. PAN AM HAS NOTYET BEEN ADVISED ISSUE TICKET FOR SAMBOU.
WHEN TICKET HAS BEEN ISSUED, EMBASSY WILL CABLE ARRIVAL TIME SO
THAT HE CAN BE MET BY INTER NATIONAL VISITORS CENTER.
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